

## Article - Business Regulation

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§19–105.

(a) This section does not apply to:

(1) an animal welfare organization or animal control unit displaying dogs or cats for adoption or the adoption of dogs or cats from an animal welfare organization or animal control unit; or

(2) a dog breeder and a specific individual purchaser conducting a prearranged sale of a dog if the location of the prearranged sale is not at a regularly scheduled or recurring event.

(b) A person may not offer for sale, sell, offer to transfer, transfer, barter, trade, or auction a dog or cat at any public place, including:

- (1) a street;
- (2) a highway;
- (3) a public right-of-way;
- (4) a public parking lot;
- (5) a carnival;
- (6) a boardwalk;
- (7) a swap meet;
- (8) a fair; or
- (9) a flea market.

(c) An animal control officer under the jurisdiction of the State or a local governing body and an officer of a society or association, incorporated under the laws of the State for the prevention of cruelty to animals, authorized to make arrests under § 10–609 of the Criminal Law Article may enforce subsection (b) of this section.

(d) A person who violates this section is subject to:

- (1) for a first violation, a civil penalty not exceeding \$500;
- (2) for a second violation, a civil penalty not exceeding \$1,000; and
- (3) for a third or subsequent violation, a civil penalty not exceeding \$1,500.

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